

**MINUTES
CITY OF BREMEN, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2012**

Meeting Location: Public Safety Complex, 516 Tallapoosa Street

Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Sewell
W.O. (Sonny) Parrish
Council Member Jane Wilson
Council Member Kyle Shepherd

**6:00 P.M.
Work Session
Mayor & Council Members
Department Heads**

City Council Informal Session

Informal discussion among Mayor Sewell, City Council Members, Department Heads and City Attorney. No action taken during work session. The discussed items are listed below.

- \$ Agenda Items
- \$ Call for a Special Election
- \$ Zoning/Zoning Overlay/Alcoholic Beverage License
- \$ Department Head Updates

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:50 p.m. to begin the regular council meeting.

**7:00 P.M.
City Council Meeting
Mayor & Council Members**

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Session

- Agenda:*
1. *Call to Order*
 2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
 3. *Invocation*
 4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
 5. *Approval of Minutes from the February 20, 2012 Regular Meeting*
 6. *Call for a Special Election – City Council Post 4; resignation of William (Bill) Hightower*
 7. *Resolution – City/County Five Year Short Term Work Program Update*
 8. *Recreation Board: Appoint Gary Harper to unexpired/vacant Recreation Commission Seat with term ending October 31, 2013*
 9. *Karen Higgins – Tourism Update*
 10. *Open to the Public*
 11. *Adjourn*

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Agenda Changes

Mayor Sewell added item number 8a for discussion of the DOT/RR/City Work Project on Georgia Avenue, Florida and Fern Street.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2012 regular council meeting.

Motion by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 20, 2012. Motion carried.

Call for Special Election – City Council Post 4

Mayor Sewell stated that Council Member Hightower has resigned due to moving his residence outside the city limits of Bremen. She stated that we need to call for a special election to be held on July 31, 2012. Qualifying will be held April 23-27, 2012 with a \$22.50 qualifying fee. She asked for a motion to call for the special election.

Motion by Council Member Parrish seconded by Council Member Shepherd to call for a special election for city council post 4 to be held on July 31, 2012. Motion carried.

Resolution – City/County Five Year Short Term Work Program Update

Perry Hicks explained that this is a required list update with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve city/county five year short term work program resolution.

Motion by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Parrish to approve the city/county five year short term work program resolution. Motion carried.

Recreation Board Appointment

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to appoint Gary Harper to an unexpired/vacant recreation commission seat with term ending October 31, 2013.

Motion by Council Member Shepherd seconded by Council Member Parrish to appoint Gary Harper to the recreation commission with term ending October 31, 2013. Motion carried.

DOT/RR/City Work Project (Florida/Fern) Update

Mayor Sewell stated that we have Kathy Yates with Georgia Power present as well as Karen Higgins with DOT present and we want to discuss the Georgia Avenue, Florida Avenue and Fern Street work.

Kathy Yates explained where Georgia Power stands with the project and stated the reasons they are unable to set a power pole at this time.

Karen Higgins gave an update as to where DOT stands at this time with the project.

Karen Higgins – Tourism Update

Karen Higgins gave an update on the Haralson County Tourism. She notified the mayor and council of accomplishments as well as upcoming projects that the tourism team will be working on.

Open to the Public

Mayor Sewell opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone had any business to be brought before the Mayor and Council.

Harry Kent was present and made mention of the Carroll County SPLOST reduction to the Bremen Board of Education.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Parrish to adjourn the regular council meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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